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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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## HOMELESS ASSESSMENT UNDERWAY



The Mother Mattie McGlothen Home of Love and Hope Emergency Shelter is being assessed for its potential and field operation effectiveness. Emergency Shelters are vital to the survival of the group it is designated to serve. Establishing and developing the maximum use of the facility for that targeted homeless population must be accomplished before opening. Presiding Bishop Ford appointed the editor of *The Whole Truth*, Dr. David Allen Hall, Sr. to begin the process of preparing the shelter to open. At present Dr. Hall is investigating the data surrounding the problems of the homeless in the greater Memphis and Shelby County area.

Statistics developed by the Shelby County Coalition for the Homeless indicate the homeless are racially diverse. Both homeless men and women are nearly split 49% among black and white persons. This suggests that because blacks are only 12% of the nation's population, that blacks are disproportionately over represented among the homeless. Memphis' black population is however 55%. In Memphis there are estimated to be 10,000 homeless persons. Dr. Hall found that 1/3 are women with children and 61% of homeless children are 6 years and under. Memphis has only three shelters dedicated to women and children.

*Bishop Ford appoints Dr. Hall the Homeless Shelter task during the Holy Convocation.*

These are ill equipped to handle the problem and are always over crowded. The waiting list is considerably lengthy and seems to have no end.

Now that the Church Of God In Christ has made it clear that she is preparing to enter into the homeless shelter ministry, the City of Memphis is embracing and supporting the idea. Many of the city's officials have publicly stated the shelter is one of the finest seen anywhere. Most social service agencies are counting the days when the shelter will open. They all know the 38 units will make a necessary contribution to halting the problem. Memphis officials indicate that only three shelters are open to exclusively care for women and children. The Emergency Housing Project (Memphis Housing Authority) has 74 units of housing securing 175 women and children for 60 day periods. The Salvation Army has shelter for 45 women and children for a 30 day period. The Missionaries of Charity house 20 women and children. On a smaller, but no less noble scale, there is one minority institution which is providing care to women and children and that is Seek For The Old Path Homeless Shelter.

Why are so many people homeless? In 1980, Federal budget cuts prevented the building of additional public housing units. In subsequent years, the lack of maintenance of these units has caused existing housing to decline. Equally, bad is the de-institutionalization of mental facilities which has put the mentally handicapped on the street. Slum hotels have fallen prey to urban redevelopment causing a population of single men to be homeless and on the street. Lastly, housing costs are up and the minimum wage earners can't afford housing. Into this area of ministry steps the Church Of God In Christ to say the reasons don't justify the continued problem. Something must be done!

Dr. Hall is currently writing a proposal for the leadership of the Church Of God In Christ. Simultaneously, he is developing a proposal for matching funds from the City of Memphis. The federal budget was cut by 1/3 for Fiscal Year 1993, but hopefully when the facility is ready to open matching funds will yet be available. Bishop Ford has indicated he desires to feed, cloth and house the homeless on an emergency basis. Their stay in the shelter will be defined in 30 day periods. In that space of time, it is hoped the homeless persons will be stabilized, encouraged and provided other shelter, and have means of keeping a roof over their heads. Dr. Hall indicated the city of Memphis has a few agencies which will see that homeless persons are cared for beyond the scope and mission of the McGlothen Shelter.

The area jurisdictions will supply the volunteers to work with the homeless. Trained professional staff will be hired and the McGlothen Shelter will help cover the fastest growing homeless group, single mothers with children. The staff will feed, provide clean clothing, along with safe and sanitary shelter. For those clients who request or accept, a team of spiritual counselors will be ready to minister to their religious and spiritual needs. In a day when drugs, alcohol and life styles are so perverse, spiritual counsel is a valuable aid in meeting the needs of homeless persons.

Whenever the saints are in Memphis, Dr. Hall invites them to take a minute to drive by and view the shelter. Planned opening date is November 1993 and from that time forward the Lord's work shall be done.

## UPDATE ON THE VISION IN LEXINGTON

Presiding Bishop Louis Henry Ford is a visionary and astute builder of faith. He has mustered all his visionary abilities and has developed on a wooded hill a plan to renew and reopen the Church's historic school. Holy Hill is giving way to the Deborah Mason Patterson Building and the coming reality of a functioning Saints Academy and College. In just three short years the Presiding Bishop has mobilized the entire Church Of God In Christ and friends around America in hope of making the vision a reality.



*Presiding Bishop Ford invites special guest, Mr. Lee Leichtag, to tour the Patterson Building.*

The people of Lexington, Mississippi are witnessing the coming of the vision firsthand. Daily, scores drive down Highway 17 and see the various and wonderful changes taking place on the campus. Saints Academy and College had been a religious, educational and economic mainstay in the small rural county of Holmes. When the school closed a great light went out and the people of the county wondered whether or not the Church would ever reopen Saints. Now they can see that reopening is only a matter of time. The building going up on the hill, in the center of the 15 acre campus, having its tall and splendid steeple invokes the message of life and growth.

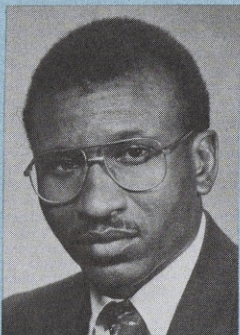
When the building is completed in mid 1993, the Interim Education Commission, chaired by Bishop David Houston, Ph.D, suggested a

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## EDITORIAL THE FIGURES



Dr. David Hall

It's apparent that economic times are not getting any better. The newly elected Clinton - Gore administration is facing even larger deficits than imagined. The bottom has not fallen out of our economy but the bottom is sagging. The billions and billions of dollars in debt is adding to the woes of government daily. This nation is soon going to be hard pressed to do anything to control the problem. Our future is being foolishly mortgaged because of politics. President Clinton has stated he will provide leadership and this means that every American must sacrifice.

News anchor man, Dan Rather nightly reviews the figures which show the growing rate of deficit. This is reminiscent of the Vietnam War era when the national news would broadcast the fatalities of the weekly combat. I remember the horror and dismay I felt upon realizing those figures meant boys killed in action. I remember week after week of 350, 485, 500 Americans dying in action. The figures made the problem, which seemed so remote for a teen age boy, a matter of real concern.

Now the figures of the homeless are beginning to mount. Our new president, Mr. Clinton has proposed to solve the problem of our economic woes. He has informed the nation that sacrifice will be the order of the day. I reflected in my mind and asked, "what and

who will be doing the sacrificing?" Mr. Clinton must be careful about who does the suffering and how protracted this situation could be.

Consider that in comparison to other cities Memphis, Tennessee, has a modest homeless problem. In Memphis, actually 48% of all homeless men are black and have a mean age of 33 years. Of all homeless men 50% are white with a mean age of 36 years. Of all homeless women 50% are black and 48% are white women having a mean age of 26-30. Fully, 57% of all homeless black women have children and 42% of the white women have children. In the ranks of this varied population are the mentally ill, the drug abuser and the criminal. Most homeless persons are under employed and/or without a job. The figures suggest things are getting worse. The federal government is cutting budgets, gentrification is changing the landscape of our urban centers and circumstances won't get any better.

What can the Church Of God In Christ do? First, the Church can follow the leadership of Bishop L.H. Ford and support the homeless shelter ministry. Second, we must realize the bible gives us every reason to take the figures seriously. Matthews 25:34-46 and James 1:27 gives the foundation for support and follow through all the issues of homelessness. In an age of the greatest technological skill and greatest education, we can not solve the problems of homelessness. To finish with a well worn expression might be appropriate, "This sounds like a personal problem." Yes, it is a personal problem that each saint must address. Even if the federal government is too encumbered by the figures of a poor economy we yet have a job to do.

## NEHEMIAH TO RIDE AGAIN

The fine volunteers of Project Nehemiah will again ride from all points of the country and come to Lexington, Mississippi, to finish a tough job. The ongoing renovation of the Saints Campus is priority for Presiding Bishop Ford, and these dedicated saints have unselfishly heeded the call. During the past winter months the groups came to Lexington and did a tremendous amount of work in the O.T. Jones, Sr. Dormitory, Faith Hall, and the Deborah Mason Patterson Multi-Purpose Building.

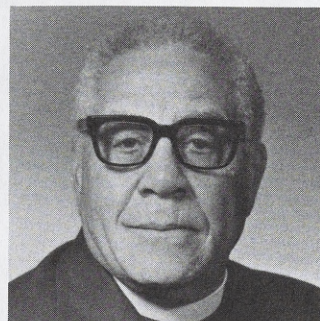
When this group worked in Lexington during the week of December 7-11, 1992, the weather was cold, windy and muddy. They were unselfish souls to leave warm homes, jobs, and families to sleep in dorms; and work faithfully during every day light hour outside, and at nights, inside. Sweat and labor were the signs of their commitment which these fine men left on record. Presiding Bishop Ford and members of the national



A group shot of visiting bishops and The Project Nehemiah Builders.

leadership team visited the men to thank and congratulate them for their contribution.

March 22-25 will be another time for this group to gather again. The weather promises to be warmer, possibly wetter! It matters not, these men are of the pioneering stock that bretheren of old were made. Bishop Ford is inviting anyone else who can bring tools, skills and loves the Church Of God In Christ, to participate in the second stage of Project Nehemiah. For further information please call the office of the Presiding Bishop at 901 578-3838.



Office  
of the  
Presiding Bishop

Dear Saints:

Greetings in Jesus' Name!

My prayer to God for you is that you will enjoy health, peace and prosperity. May it come in abundance.

As I write, we are enjoying the blessings of God. We look back over the years and realize just how good God has been. Not only do we see what is happening now, but we remember yesterday and it is wonderful to know that our God, who blessed on yesterday, is fully able to bless us today.

You know very well my heart and mind is heavily in Lexington. We do not have the time to drag our feet now. So many young people are depending on us for our school, and I pray you will continue your support.

Recently, I was in Lexington, and you will not believe how beautiful the buildings are now nor how well the campus is shaping up. The men have done an excellent job with the buildings.

In order to further prepare the campus for our pilgrimage on April 9, 1993, the "Nehemiah Builders" will again meet in Lexington, March 22-26, 1993. I am asking these workers and any other skilled craftsmen or laborers to meet us there for the week. Final touch up in several buildings will be needed and we will need as much help as possible to join us for this gift to God for our youth and generations to come.

Lastly, I ask that every loyal member of the Church Of God In Christ answer the call to support the ministries of our great church. We want to expand upon what we are now doing, but we will need your support.

I ask every layman to make the \$12.00 donation and every credential holder to report as the schedule indicated. Your jurisdictional Bishop has these figures. If at all possible, we would even appreciate you giving in excess of the requested amount. Remember, only what we do for Christ will last. I have done my best to be fair and responsible with what you have entrusted to the leadership of the Church. I think there is sufficient evidence of our stewardship. I only pray that you will allow the Lord to direct you in what you will do for Him and I know we will be successful in all we do for Him.

Again, thank you very much for your past support and also for the help I feel you will give in April. God bless!

Your servant in Christ,

L. H. Ford  
Presiding Bishop  
Church Of God In Christ



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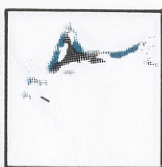
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## PRESIDING BISHOP ANNOUNCES CENTENNIAL



*C. H. Mason, Founder*

Presiding Bishop Ford is planning to host a centennial celebration of the Church Of God In Christ. Bishop Ford recognizes the fact that Bishop Charles H. Mason organized the Church Of God In Christ in 1897. Of course, the Church was not Pentecostal at that time, and Bishop Mason and Bishop Charles Price Jones were clergy of mutual interest. They had preached revivals in many different Baptist churches. Their fellowship of suffering made them fast friends and pioneers in the movement of holiness-sanctification.

***“But to deny or forget the 1897 date would be an injustice to those who labored to bring the organization to the point where Pentecost became a reality.”***

In 1897, young Mason was walking down a street in Little Rock, Arkansas, when the Lord revealed the name for his fledgling fellowship of sanctified believers: Church Of God In Christ. Last year, Presiding Bishop Ford and others gathered, and placed a marker at 8th and Gaines to commemorate both the event and spot in Little Rock. Now people daily stop and read the granite stone that proclaims a significant piece of COGIC history to a curious world.

In 1997, Presiding Bishop Ford wants to celebrate this centennial event. He knows that 100 years of organization must not be over-looked. The organization shall celebrate the inception of its Pentecostal reference, but to deny or forget the 1897 date would be an injustice to those who labored to bring the organization to the point where Pentecost became a reality. Bishop Ford will be announcing committees and commemorative events that will make this a special time to experience.

This date will be the last in a litany of events which should make each subsequent event more interesting. In 1993, the Shelter will officially open. A 1994 date is planned for the total installation of central heat and air conditioning in Mason Temple. In 1994, the first students will enter the reopened Saints Academy and College in Lexington, Mississippi. In 1996, Bishop Ford plans to commence with the building of the C.H. Mason Theological Seminary Administration and Dormitory Building in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Church Of God In Christ had better prepare for this series of announcements as their coming means that we as an organization will witness unprecedented progress. As the leader of the organization, Presiding Bishop Ford knows that planning and execution of plans means everything. Get Ready!!!

## ANNOUNCEMENT



*Mother Lucille Bazemore*

Mother Lucille Bazemore was appointed to the position of Executive Director of the Charles Harrison Mason Foundation during the 85th Annual Holy Convocation this past November by Presiding Bishop Louis Henry Ford.

The C.H. Mason Foundation's purpose states: To perpetuate the memory of Charles H. Mason, Founder - Church of God In Christ, and establish and maintain programs to enlighten the cultural and spiritual lives of the members and future members of the Church Of God In Christ.

Mother Bazemore has been a member of the Board of Directors many years. She has also worked diligently with Bishop C.L. Moody and the National Missions Department.

## THE OBITUARY



*Bishop Robert (Earl) Nance*

On Sunday, September 13 1992, at 6:00 P.M. our Sovereign Lord called His servant, Bishop Robert (Earl) Nance from labor to reward. Bishop Robert (Earl) Nance, Sr. was born September 3, 1918 in Gulfport, Mississippi to the late Mr. Willie and Mrs. Luticia Nance. He attended school in Gulfport and Biloxi, Mississippi, and graduated from high school in Biloxi, receiving a certificate from the Biloxi Trade and Industrial School. He attended William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

He was married on April 19, 1940 to the late Mrs. Octavia Bradford Nance. They were parents to one son, Dr. Robert Nance, Jr. of Sacramento, California, and one daughter, Mrs. Brenda Collier Birth of Biloxi, Mississippi. After the passing of Mother Octavia Nance, he was married on December 17, 1988 to Sister Bonnie L. McLaurin Nance.

Bishop Nance was saved and sanctified in 1941 in Biloxi, Mississippi, under Elder Elijah Parker. He was licensed to preach in 1946 and ordained in 1949 under the leadership of Elder Tommy Williams. He maintained a profound and righteous course since the Lord saved him. He was a faithful and ardent worker as a boy in the Baptist Church (Gulfport and Biloxi). Immediately after being licensed to preach, he preached on the street corners of Gulfport and Biloxi. Many souls heard of the way of holiness through this man of God.

His first pastoral charges were on 15th Street in West Gulfport, Mississippi and on Nixon Street in Biloxi, Mississippi. Upon his appointment as pastor of a small congregation, he began to plan the building of the first modern Holiness Church in

Gulfport, Mississippi. That church now stands on 15th Street in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Bishop Robert Nance was a distinguished church builder. During his lifetime, he almost single-handedly constructed three modern brick churches. Two of the churches are in the city of Gulfport and one in Biloxi. At the time of his death, he was in the process of constructing one of the largest and most admired church edifices in the city of Biloxi. He served faithfully until death the flock of God at the First Church Of God In Christ in Biloxi and Saint Andrew Church Of God In Christ in Gulfport.

On April 17, 1985, Bishop Robert Earl Nance was consecrated to the sacred office of Auxiliary Bishop by Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. On November 14, 1988, he was consecrated to the office of Jurisdictional Bishop for the Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Southern Mississippi in the Church Of God In Christ. Bishop Robert Nance was a philanthropist, donating tens of thousands of dollars to the Church and the community where he lived. As a member of the NAACP, he played a vital role in integrating the Gulf Coast during the 1960's. He influenced his community as a Real Estate Investor and a member of the City of Biloxi Planning Commission.

Bishop Nance held the positions of State Sunday School Superintendent, Chairman of The Elders Council, First Administrative Assistant, Vice-Chairman of the International Sunday School Department, and Dean of Charles Harrison mason System of Bible Colleges at Biloxi. He served with Dr. Hines on the National Board of Regents for the Charles Harrison Mason System of Bible Colleges. He was appointed by Bishop J.O. Patterson as a member of the Saints Center Board in Memphis, Tennessee, from its inception. He also served as a member of the Board of Directors of Saints Academy and Junior College in Lexington, Mississippi.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife and helpmeet, Sister Bonnie L. Nance; one son, Dr. Robert Nance, Jr. of Sacramento, California; one daughter, Brenda Collier Birth of Biloxi, Mississippi; one step-son, Daniel McLaurin; five grandchildren, Reggie Collier, Tommy Collier, Nat Wayne Birth, Robin Nance, and Kelly Nance; six step-grandchildren; four sisters, Doris Nance, Roberta Warren, Harriet Evans, and Lelia Casey; three great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; other relatives; and the members of First Church Of God In Christ, Saint Andrew Church Of God In Christ, and the Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Southern Mississippi.





## DEDICATION OF MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR HARRIS MEMORIAL November 28, 1992



The historic event and dedication of The Harris Memorial Church marked one of the greatest events of the saints in the Flint Michigan area. The newly constructed Harris Memorial Church Of God In Christ, is pastored by Superintendent Walter Bogan, who before moving to the new location, was pastor of the New Harris Temple Church Of God In Christ in Flint.

Harris Memorial Church Of God In Christ was founded and organized in 1945 by the late Superintendent Theodore R. and Mother Erma I. Harris. Pastor Harris purchased the cinder-block basement church on the corner of Lippincott Boulevard and Aitkens Avenue for \$5,000. Pastor and Mother Harris paid for the church by mortgaging their personal property.

In 1959 Pastor Harris completed another building at more than \$35,000 in cost. The church was named Harris Temple Church Of God In Christ.

In 1974 Pastor Harris instituted another construction project for an expansion of seventeen feet to provide additional space to accommodate the growing congregation. The church had \$32,000 cash on hand, they borrowed \$80,000, the additional structure was completed in 1975 and valued at \$175,000. The church was renamed the New Harris Temple Church Of God In Christ. The mortgage was paid off in 1978.

On Friday, July 25, 1980, Pastor Harris departed this life. Elder Walter E. Bogan succeeded his late grandfather Superintendent Theodore Harris, who presided in the Flint, Michigan District. The youthful pastor, Walter Bogan, has accomplished one of the greatest task challenging young pastors of the Church Of God In Christ with their congregation during this recessionary period in America: building.

Their elaborate and eventful service of dedication was presided over by Bishop Louis H.

Ford. The dedicatorial event was attended by many bishops, elders, business persons, politicians, church officials, saints and well wishers from all over. There were many area bishops, yet some like Bishop Randell Stewart, who came from Northern California, and Chairman of the Elders Council; Elder Solomon Williams of St. Louis, Missouri; and Elder Robert Woodard of Houston, Texas, came from afar, as well as many others, who came to witness the dedication of this 3 million dollar multi-purpose complex and edifice.

The program consisted of Bishop Roger Jones of Flint, Michigan, as Master of Ceremonies and Bishop W.L. Porter, who conducted the ministry of giving. General Board Member Bishop P.A. Brooks of Michigan's Northeast Jurisdiction introduced Presiding Bishop Ford for the dedicatorial sermon. Bishop Nathaniel Wells of Muskegon, Michigan, read to the congregation the ritual of the dedicating ceremony. Bishop C.L. Anderson, the 2nd Administrative Assistant Presiding Bishop, was unable to attend due to illness and was confined to a Detroit area hospital. Bishop Anderson is the prelate of the Great Lakes Jurisdiction, where Pastor Bogan is pastor and superintendent. Pastor Walter E. Bogan is married to Mrs. Diane Bogan, the daughter of Mother Johnson, widow of the late Bishop C.J. Johnson of the Northeast Jurisdiction of Michigan. They have three children, and a nephew who they reared, Charles Johnson III.

Bishop Ford commended the pastor and the congregation of Harris Memorial Church for their accomplishments for Flint and the surrounding communities, and for the Church Of God In Christ.

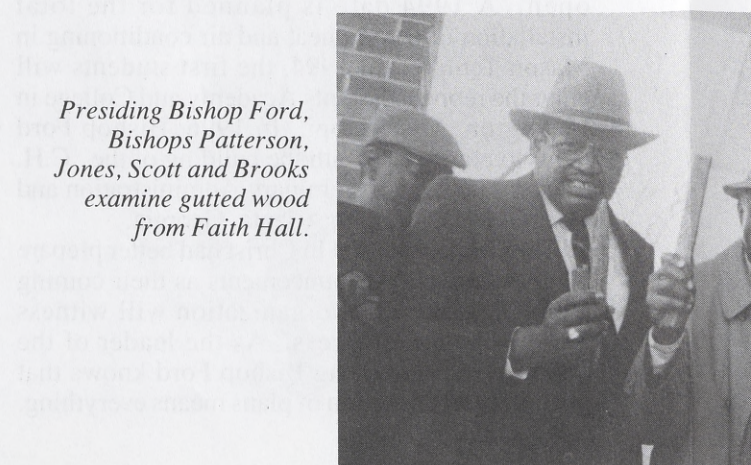
Submitted by: Elder Clyde A. Young, Sr.



Bishop Ford explains to Memphis' ABC and CBS television affiliates how the Shelter will operate.

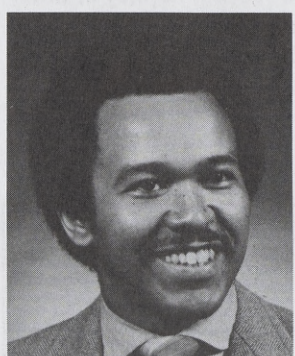


Workers lay tile in basement Assembly Hall.



Presiding Bishop Ford, Bishops Patterson, Jones, Scott and Brooks examine gutted wood from Faith Hall.

## C.H. MASON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ANNOUNCES 23RD FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION



Dr. R. M. Franklin, Jr.

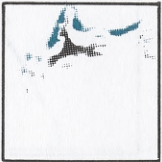
Dr. Oliver J. Haney is pleased to announce the 23rd Founder's Day Celebration of the C.H. Mason Theological Seminary. The seminary is a part of the Interdenominational Theological Center of Atlanta, Georgia. The theme will be "Celebrate Our Accomplishments" and the saints will enjoy two days of festivities.

Presiding Bishop Louis Henry Ford will preach the opening message on Wednesday, February 24, 1993. The site will be the Christ Temple Church Of God In Christ, now served by newly appointed prelate, Bishop A.D. Williams. Thursday, February 25, 1993 in the ITC chapel, a convocation will be conducted. The speaker for the day will be Dr. Robert M. Franklin, Director of Black Church Studies, Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

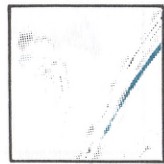
An awards luncheon is scheduled to follow the convocation and shall convene at Paschal's Hotel. A 2:30 P.M. time has been established for an Alumni Association meeting on the campus of ITC. Finally, a gala celebration and fund raising rally will be conducted at the Omni Hotel that same evening. Donation will be \$20.00.

The student body and faculty of C.H. Mason cordially invite all students, graduates, church officials and congregations to come and enjoy the two days of activities. Dr. Haney ask that if possible, all interested parties please RSVP by February 19, 1993. Call (404) 527-7775.





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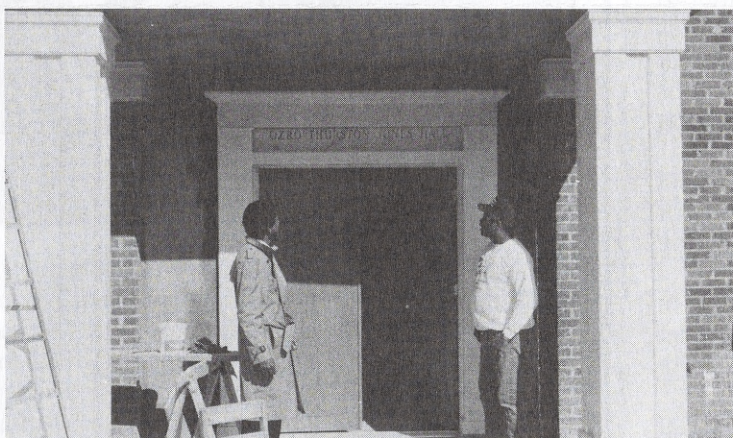
The Multi-Purpose Building is stately and completed.



Nehemiah Builders listen to the presiding officer speak of his thanks for their contribution.



A "Nehemiah" from Florida pauses on a ladder.



Contractor Alex Howard explains some of the work done on the O. T. Jones Sr. Building.

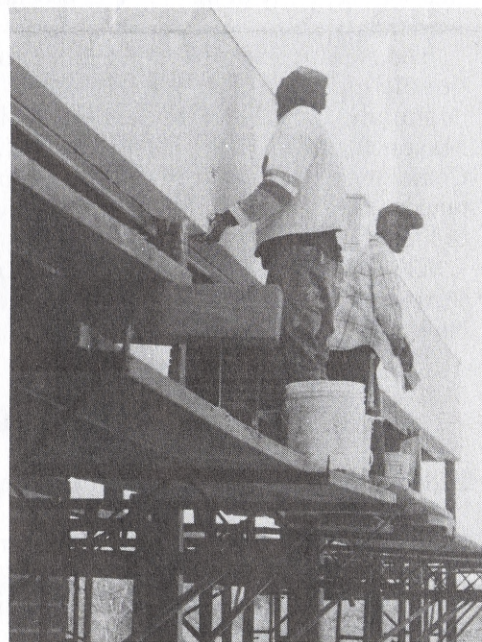


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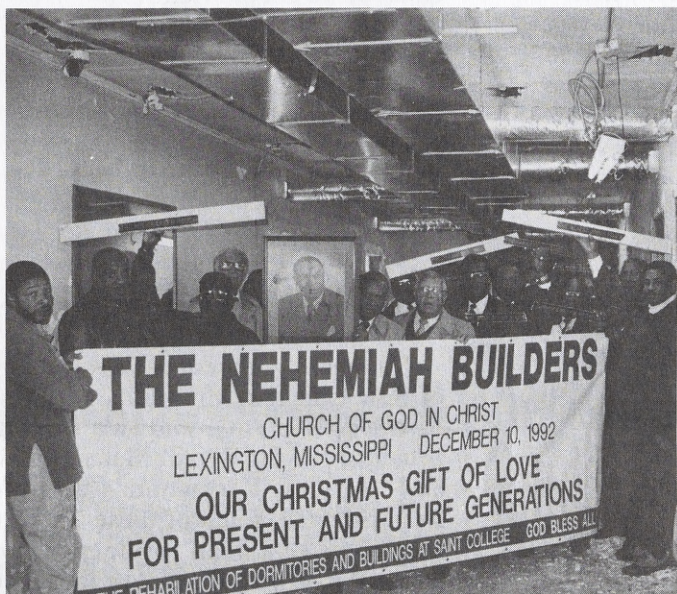


Meals were a time of conversation and laughter.

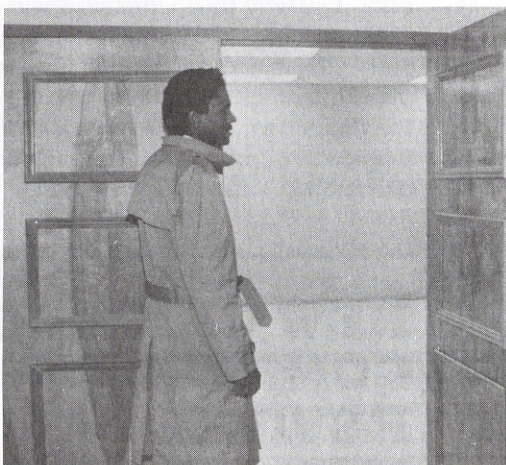
## THE NEHEMIAH BUILDERS



Workers place finishing touches on roof.



Bishop Ford and guests pose inside the quickly changing O. T. Jones, Sr. Dormitory.



Minister Ron Banks examines conference room in Patterson Building.



Dr. Strolger greets the saints and Bishop Houston prepares to make report for the Education Committee.



## INDIANAPOLIS METRO COGIC MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

Matthew 12:25 states that, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every house (city or jurisdiction) divided against itself shall not stand."

In 1980, the message of the need of unity in Matthew 12:25 became more and more apparent, seeing as how there was no concentrated effort of any kind on the part of the COGIC body, in the Indianapolis area, to address any of the issues concerning the community or the Church.

Elder Cleophas Hall, Sr., Elder Lionel T. Rush, Elder John V. Coleman, and Elder William J. Wilson decided to call the Brethren together to fathom ways and means of bringing cohesiveness to the brotherhood while helping and taking their rightful place in the community. The Indianapolis area consists of a large number of minority people, and many of these people are COGIC.

The Alliance ministers have had some turbulent times, however, the Alliance has the tenacity of Jacob, that would not give up until the Blessing was given.

The obstinacy of the Brethren has paid off. In 1991, the Alliance elected a new president, Elder David L. Sanders, and there is representation from all three (3) jurisdictions of Indiana.

The Indianapolis Metro COGIC Ministerial Alliance sponsors an annual "City Wide Revival." The 1991 "City Wide Revival" was very successful. There were stimulating and resourceful seminars daily and the church was filled every night. On the final night Elder Cleophas Hall, Sr., who originated the "City Wide Revival," preached an unforgettable message: "I Hear A Voice Crying In Hell, ....Is It My Child?" One hundred and thirty souls came to the altar in that service, thirty of that number proclaimed true salvation.

The Alliance has many plans to enhance the conditions of living for the saints and the community. Included in these plans is a C.H. Mason Bible Institute for the local Christian Community. A Summer Retreat plan is being fine tuned to meet the needs of people from every walk of life.

All Brethren in the Indianapolis and surrounding areas are encouraged to come help build this house for the Lord.

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## WINNING OVER DEPRESSION: WE'VE GOT THE VICTORY



A few years ago, I experienced a terrible bout of depression that lasted for several months. I found myself crying all the time, many times for no obvious reason or over something very trivial and insignificant. Usually being a cheerful person, one who enjoys making others happy, I found it more and more difficult to pass on much cheer, if any, because I was so miserable inside. Although I wore a mask of peace and contentment, I am sure that those who really knew me realized that something was wrong.

I had been saved for more than twenty years, and since giving my life to the Lord right out of high school. I had walked and worked for Him, serving Him with all my might. The day I came into holiness, I made a vow that I would never turn back, and would never allow anybody or anything to separate me from my love for the Lord.

With this commitment I selected my career, my spouse, and raised our children. Believing that Jesus Christ has to be the core and pivotal point of a saint's life, I have learned over the years to seek His guidance and direction in not just major decisions, but also in the seemingly small ones. Although, this may sound like a simple thing to do, at times it has been difficult, but I have come to realize that only God can lead in a path that is right for me and according to His purpose in my life.

Bearing these things in mind, I wondered day after day, why this depression was so difficult to shake. Being saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost, and speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, even being able to praise God in the dance from time to time, I needed to know what was happening and how I would ever get deliverance.

## NEW CHICAGO COMMUNITY REVIVAL: NEW BEGINNINGS

The New Chicago Church Of God In Christ family had a tremendous week, December 28-31, 1992 (Watch Meeting), when the Holy Ghost took control with praises, anointing, hand clapping, tongue speaking, foot stomping and glorifying the Lord.

Pastor E.E. Dickerson, contacted various community agency representatives, who shared each day. Mother Lucy Ntrel, State Supervisor of Montana, was the evangelist for the week. She shared the ministry of the spoken word with radio Evangelist Hassie Kimbrel, Missionary Josephine Johnson, Missionary Ella Jones and Mother Idonia King Anderson, along with other lay persons. Mother Ntrel's subjects were most relevant, including, "Time" (Eccl. 3:1-11) and "How Bad Do You Want It?" (John 5:1-15).

By divine guidance, I came across a book on spiritual warfare. It was in those spirit inspired pages that I received my answer as I was led to a study of scriptures that I had read many times, but had not really understood. I was indeed in a spiritual battle, and Satan had afflicted my mind, leading me into self-pity, low self-esteem, and a sense of hopelessness.

As I read the book and studied the Word of God, I received my deliverance. Gaining more knowledge regarding this warfare, things such as Satan's tactics (For we are not ignorant of his devices." II Corin. 2:11b) and the defenses and offenses available to us in Christ (Ephes. 6:10-18; II Corin. 10:4,5), I have begun a more victorious walk in Him. Satan continues to attack me, but now I know that I don't have to succumb in defeat, I can retaliate, boldly stand up to him, rebuke him, and win (Luke 10:19). Thank God for the victory!

In the book of Ephesians, the apostle Paul, an authority on spiritual warfare, first tells us what a rich heritage we have in Christ, then goes on to tell us how to walk in this richness. Other authors, such as Daniel (chapter 10) describe spiritual battles that we in our own strength can not win, battles that need supernatural intervention. Praise God for His Word that tells us that "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. Casting down imaginations and everything that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (II Corin. 10:4,5).

Searching the scriptures and reading more on spiritual warfare, I have found the following to be effective tools in our daily battles with Satan:

1. Study the Word of God. (II Tim. 2:15)
2. Meditate on the Word daily. (Psa 1:1)
3. Pray daily. Pray in the Spirit (Luke 18:1, Rom. 8:26,27)
4. Speak out loud God's promises according to the Scriptures. (Eph. 4:28; II Cor. 1:20)
5. Praise the Lord. Even when it seems difficult, give Him a sacrifice of praise. (Heb. 13:15)
6. Fast according to Isaiah 58:6.
7. Take your authoritative position against Satan. (Luke 10:19; Rom. 8:16; John 4:4)
8. Trust and believe that what God has promised, he is able to perform (Rom. 4:21). Remember that He is not a man that he should lie (Num. 23:19).

Jesus wants us to be victorious in all areas of our lives, mind, body, and spirit (III John 2). We must take faith and claim what is rightfully ours. Praise God, We've got the victory!

Sister Barbara Wharton Richards  
Elder Gordon Rogers, Pastor  
COGIC for All Saints  
Morristown, NJ

**PRAY DAILY**





## REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.: GOD'S PROPHET

Martin Luther King, Jr. — where does one begin to describe a man of such paramount importance? Indeed, he was more than a dynamic orator, an energetic preacher, or some civil rights leader that gave his life fighting for the civil rights of the oppressed. He was a prophet whose ministry embraced the Civil Rights Movement. He was a man who fought for people's rights.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born at noon on Tuesday, January 15, 1929, at the King's family home in Atlanta, Georgia. He was the first son and second child born to the late Rev. and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Sr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s maternal grandfather and father pastored the church where he was ordained at 19 and later served as co-pastor, of Ebenezer Church in Atlanta.

Having skipped the ninth and twelfth grades because of his unlimited scholastic abilities, Dr. King entered the prestigious Morehouse College in September 1944, at the age of 15. He graduated in 1948, at 19, with a B.A. degree in Sociology. In 1951, he received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Crozer Theological Seminary of Chester, Pennsylvania. That same year, Martin Luther King, Jr. began his doctoral studies in Systematic Theology at Boston University. Three and a half years later, June 5, 1955, Dr. King received his Ph.D. degree.

Upon graduating from Boston University, Dr. King was offered various teaching positions at universities across the country. Several staff members at Boston University tried to encourage Martin to stay on as part of their staff. However, Moses remembered the cries and oppression of his people down in Goshen, and declined Pharaoh's many bourgeois offers. Dr. King's response was, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere... As long as poverty is in the world, I can never be rich... The ultimate measure of man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. The true neighbor will risk his position, his prestige, and even his life for the welfare of others..."

Many have tried to paint Dr. King just as a Civil Rights Leader, while some say he was only a politician, and others view him as an educator and great public speaker. Yes, Dr. King may have been all of the above, but most of all, he was a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Doing the will of God was more important to Dr. King than life itself. he once told an audience:

*"So I say to you, seek God and discover Him and make Him a power in your life. Without Him all of our efforts turns to ashes and our sunrises into darkest nights. Without Him, life is a meaningless drama with the decisive scenes missings ... Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and all thy soul and all thy mind. This is the height of life. And you do this [sic] you live the complete life."*

For centuries, West Point Military Academy has been the training center for training this nation's greatest military leaders. Until the Vietnam era, almost all general officers in the Army were West Point graduates. As West Point is to the United States Army, so is the black church to the black community. Almost all black leaders emerge from the black church.

Black preachers like Gabriel Prosser's 1800 revolt in Richmond, Virginia, Denmark Vessey's famous Charleston, South Carolina uprising in 1822 and Nat Turner's infamous insurrection in South Hampton County, Virginia in 1831, all paved the way for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Earlier in Dr. King's life, he realized that he could be in the black church, what he could not be anywhere else. As a lad, he was fascinated by watching his father and other ministers control audiences with skillfully chosen words. He longed to follow in their footsteps. He once told his mother that when he grew up, he was going to get some big and fancy words like those preachers he had observed. Like William Shakespeare, words became one of Martin's greatest vehicles to express God's healing love to a hurting nation.

Many sociologists, politicians and theologians have labelled the acts of Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement as "civil disobedience." To say that the Civil Rights workers were disobedient, one would have to solve the question of who were they disobeying. On January 1, 1863, Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation stated that blacks would be free forever. By 1954, the U.S. Constitution had figuratively adopted African-Americans as U.S. Citizens, but in the South, Jim Crow had refused the citizenship of all blacks. Also in America, the Constitution is the highest law in the United States. Whenever a state law or local ordinance violates the U.S. Constitution, that law is an obstruction of justice and unconstitutional. St. Augustine says, "an unjust law is no law at all." Thomas Aquinas says, "an unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in the natural and eternal law." Dr. King says, "any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that



degraded human personality is unjust." I say that an unjust law is demoralizing and lethal because it corrupts the mind and destroys the soul. An unjust law denies the universal laws of God. Injustice at any level interrupts and denies the creative process of God — the law giver Himself! Dr. King's response to critics who were saying that he and blacks were committing acts of civil disobedience were:

*"There is nothing that expressed massive civil disobedience anymore than the Boston Tea Party, and yet we give this to our young people and our students as part of the great tradition of our nation. So I think in good company when we break unjust laws, and I think those who are willing to do it and accept the penalty are those who are part of the saving of the nation."*

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. loved America in spite of her injustice. He embraced America in spite of her hatred. He campaigned for America in spite of her neglect. He lived for America in spite of the consequences...

On April 3, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. King was speaking at Mason Temple, International Headquarters for the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. This eve, before Dr. King's assassination, he so eloquently espoused the fulfillment of his prophetic ministry with these hollow words:

*"I've been to the mountain top...like anybody, I would like to live a long life, longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned bout that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land..."*

Even amongst the tragedy of Dr. King's death, it was in his death that America began to live out the true meaning of her creed: All men are created equal." It was through his death that people began to unite as "good neighbors." It was through his dream that America was able to lock her trauma of yester-years in the dark dungeons of the past. Now we can judge our conscience with a new "American Pride" and echo these words: "...Free at last! Free at last! Thank God almighty, we are free at last!"

Chaplain (CPT) Alvin E. Miller  
Fort Fill, OK

## 24 YEARS

Looking forward, should the Lord bless, towards the 25th anniversary, is Pastor Ulysses Foster, Jr., who celebrated his 24th Church Anniversary, October 22nd through October 25th, 1992. He has served as pastor of Revival Center Church Of God In Christ, here in the Air Capital City of Wichita, Kansas with distinction.

Among many of the precious people attending along with family and friends, were many of those who were once under Pastor Foster's leadership. They have gone on to work for the Lord as ministers, elders and pastors. Pastor Foster's brother, Rev. Henry Foster, attended along with his entire congregation, the Breakthrough Church. They came in great numbers nightly.

It was a great honor indeed, that the Bishop Richardson of Omaha, Nebraska, along with many from his Omaha congregation and wonderful choir members came to join in the celebration. He delivered the church a most powerful sermon on that night.

Assistant Pastor Robert Jenkins, evangelist and co-chairman of this wonderful event, worked together with the chairperson Mother Mattie Foster, who is Mother Emeritus of Revival Church Center and State District Missionary. Together they served to bring about this most joyous opportunity and celebration.

The Revival Center COGIC congregation would like the readers to join together in praising God with us for blessing Pastor Foster in those 24 years, and to continue to bless him with many more.

In Christ's Love,  
Sister Carol L. Harding

## IN MEMORY



In loving loving memory of our dear  
Bishop Peter James Henderson

*One year has passed, dear Bishop,  
Since God has called you home  
To be with Him in heaven,  
Around the snow-white throne.*

*We often sit and think of you  
When we are all alone  
For memory is the only thing  
That grief can call its own.*

*We miss you, Oh, we miss you.  
How could we help but cry?  
But if we live as you lived,  
We'll meet you again by and by.*

*No one knows of the sadness,  
Only those who have lost can tell  
Of the grief that's borne in silence,  
For one we love so well.*

*You are gone but not forgotten  
To that heavenly home above,  
Some sweet day we long to meet you  
And share in infinite love.*

*God knows how much we miss you.  
Never shall your memory fade.  
Loving thoughts shall always wander,  
To the spot where you were laid.*

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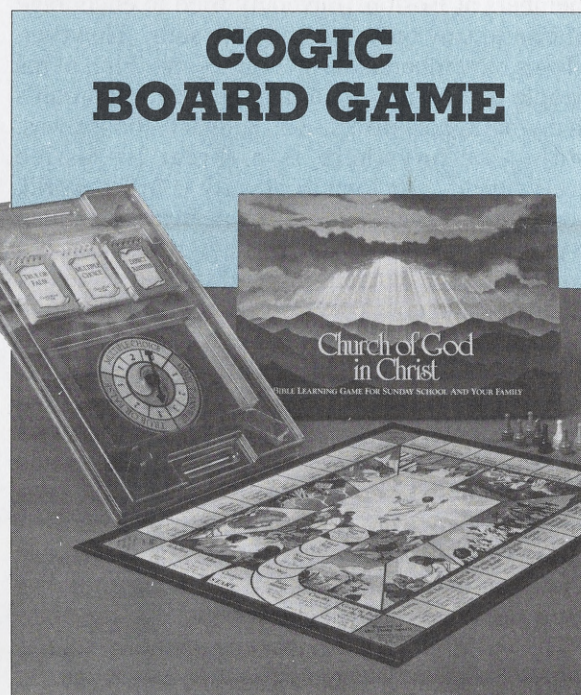
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